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Application of	:	John Fitzgerald et al.
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For	:	Materials, Equipment and Methods for Manufacturing Cigarettes
Examiner	:	Dionne Walls Mays
Art Unit	:	1731

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action mailed January 9, 2006, in the above-identified application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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